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In re Application of:

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Robert W. Pike) Art Unit: 1712
Serial No.: 09/929,465)
Filed: August 14, 2001)
For: Blends of Esters With Isomerized)
Olefins and Other Hydrocarbons)
As Base Oils For Invert Emulsion)
Oil Muds)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003. A three month extension of time is believed needed for this response and a check for same is enclosed. In the event that the check cannot be found attached or is insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to undersigned's credit card. A credit card charge form for this purpose is attached. In the event that the charge cannot be completed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge this fee to the undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge the undersigned's credit card or deposit account with any fees due for the amendments herein, although no such fees are believed to be due.

Please amend this application as indicated below: